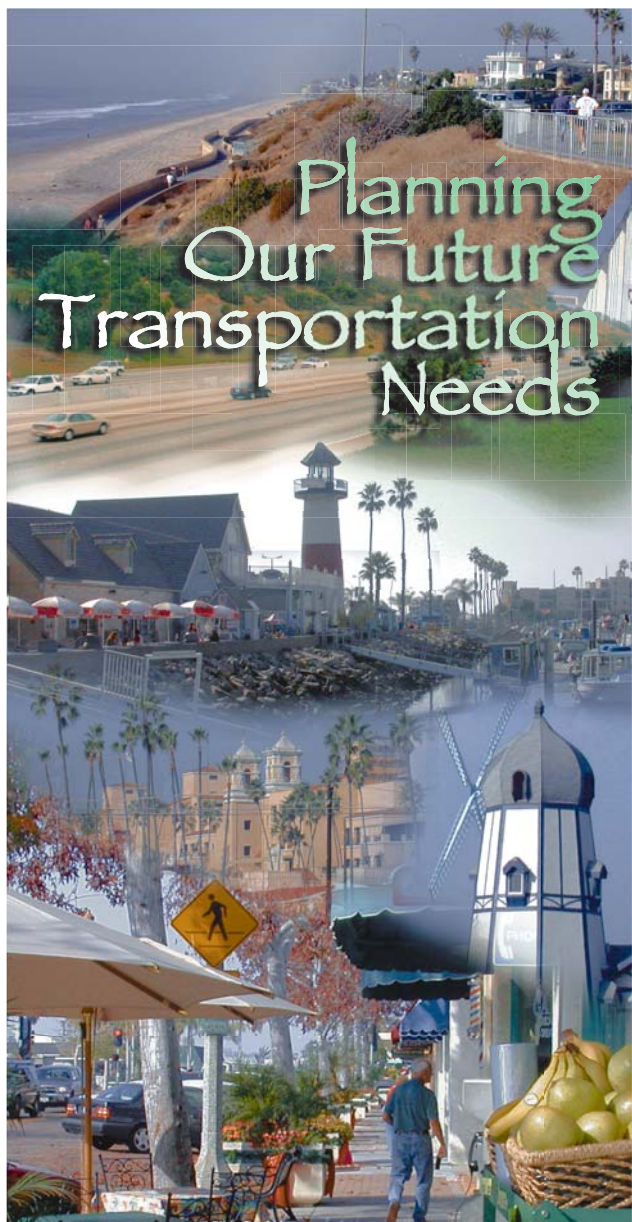




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As a resident of San Diego County, you know better than most people the reasons why someone would want to make their home in this garden spot of California, and why millions of people visit the region each year, making it among the world's premier vacation destinations. However, there is a down side to living in paradise, with a steadily growing population and rapidly increasing traffic congestion. The challenge is to figure out ways to have the best of both worlds by planning our future transportation needs today. No where is that more critical in San Diego County than along the Interstate 5 (I-5) North Coast Corridor.

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I-5 North Coastal Corridor Study



Most people agree that we already spend too much time in our cars, but it's expected to get worse without the needed improvements along I-5. For instance, traffic congestion during peak commute hours is expected to extend much further into the evening by the year 2030. It is likely that traffic will be bumper to bumper on weekends as well without such upgrades.

In fact, the only time you can expect free-flow traffic would be during the late evening to early morning hours. Most of us were hoping for less traffic congestion not more in the future, and that is where the I-5 NORTH COAST TRANSPORTATION STUDY comes in.

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The Study, developed by the San Diego Association of Governments back in 1997, identified current and projected problems along the freeway corridor, and proposed a transportation network based on population and transportation needs of future generations.



The I-5 North Coast Transportation Study makes a variety of recommendations, including that Caltrans should construct a combination of general purpose lanes, carpool lanes and truck-climbing lanes on the freeway from Genesee Avenue to Vandergrift Boulevard in Oceanside.

Caltrans is preparing a federal and state required Environmental Impact Statement/Report to analyze the potential impacts associated with the projects outline in the Study.



Up to now the I-5 North Coast Corridor Study has been a collection of carefully thought-out ideas on paper, but with your help, transportation experts will start to mold it into a viable plan for the future. **YOU CAN BE A PART OF THIS PROCESS** by attending at least one of several preliminary public "scoping" meetings being held over the next several months. Your input will be vital to the success of these projects. Your participation will help maintain the lifestyle that we have all come to enjoy in our north coast communities.

Watch your newspapers for upcoming dates and locations of these meetings. You may also log on to our website at www.dot.ca.gov/dist11/5wide/index.htm Tell us about your ideas or concerns on the I-5 NORTH COAST TRANSPORTATION STUDY by sending an email to Arturo.Jacobo@dot.ca.gov, or by traditional mail to Arturo Jacobo, 2829 Juan St., MS-27, San Diego, CA 92110.

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